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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAKAR 4774

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, SG, PU  
SUBJECT: GUINEA BISSAU: SENEGAL HAPPY WITH IMPROVING RELATIONSHIP

REF: CAIRO 15526 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL IS IMPORTANT AS A REFLECTION OF THE GREATLY  
IMPROVED REGIONAL ATMOSPHERE HERE. A YEAR AGO, THE SENEGALESE  
LEADERSHIP WERE TELLING US HOW MUCH THEY FEARED THE DANGERS  
OF SUBVERSION ON THEIR SOUTHERN BORDER BECAUSE OF THE MARXIST  
REGIME IN BISSAU AND THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN ADVISORS. THE  
TRIBES, OF COURSE, ARE THE SAME, AND THE SOUTHERN CASAMANCE  
REGION OF SENEGAL IS THE MOST NEGLECTED AND THEREFORE THE  
MOST VULNERABLE. ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL FALL TOLD ME  
DURING OUR FIRST MEETING LAST OCTOBER THAT THE BISSAU  
BORDER PRESENTED HIS GREATEST CHALLENGE FOR THE DEFENSE  
OF SENEGAL'S TERRITORY.

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2. BUT THE SENEGALESE ARE MUCH MORE RELAXED ABOUT  
BISSAU RIGHT NOW. ON JUNE 19, PRESIDENT SENGHOR TOLD  
ME THAT HE IS HAPPY WITH THE EVOLUTION TOWARD MODERATION  
IN BISSAU. HE FEELS THE SOVIETS ARE LOSING INFLUENCE  
THERE BECAUSE OF THEIR POLITICAL HEAVY HANDEDNESS AND  
INCOMPETENCE IN THE ECONOMIC AREA. HE WAS PLEASED TO

REPORT THAT PRESIDENT CABRAL REQUESTED AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO SENEGAL WHICH HAS BEEN APPROVED AND WILL BEGIN ON JULY 6. MOST IMPORTANT, HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT CABRAL WILL ALLOW HIS TERRITORY TO BE USED AS A BASE OF SUBVERSION AGAINST SOUTHERN SENEGAL.

3. COMMENT: COMING ON THE HEELS OF THE MONROVIA SUMMIT WHICH RECONCILED GUINEA CONAKRY WITH ITS NEIGHBORS, CABRAL'S UPCOMING VISIT TO SENEGAL WILL ENLARGE THE PERIMETER OF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND ENHANCE THE FEELING OF SUB-REGIONAL STABILITY. IT'S NICE TO HAVE SOME GOOD NEWS FROM AFRICA FOR A CHANGE.  
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